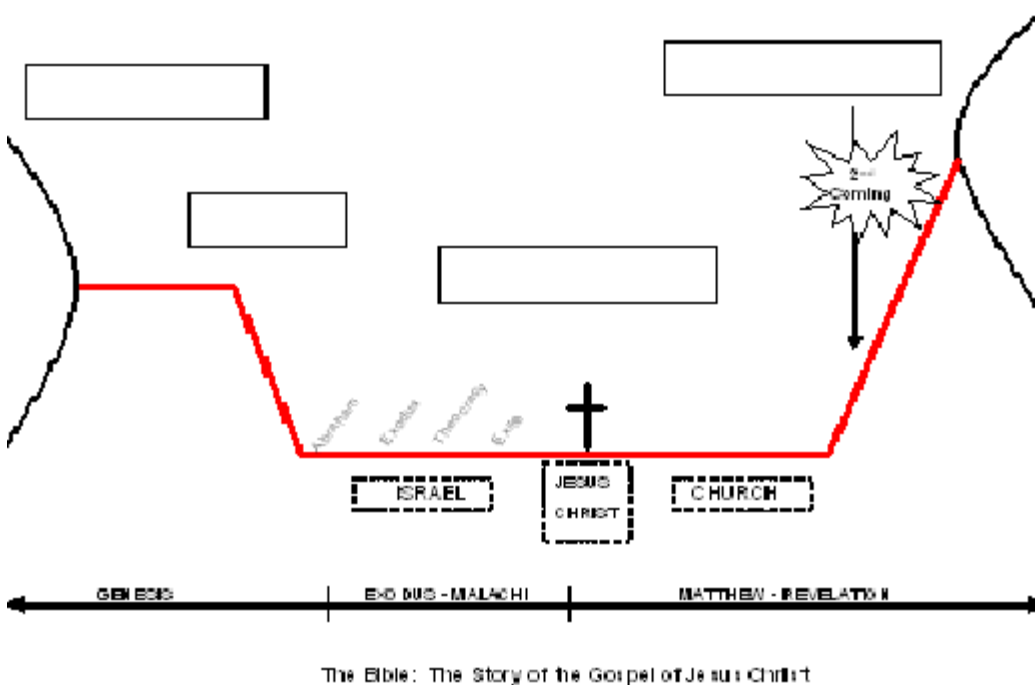


Get a Grip on Sharing Your Faith

Session 1: The Gospel Story... Getting it Right!



I. Creation (Genesis 1-2)

Belief in the biblical account of creation is the _____ for belief in the gospel

A. The biblical account of creation confirms the _____ and _____ of God

1. Muslims and Jews both acknowledge creation, but they miss the true identity of the God of creation.
2. The biblical teaching about creation has come under great attack from the scientific community and the culture at large.

B. The biblical account of creation establishes man's _____ to God

1. If God is real, and God made everything in existence, then God has _____ over all things.
2. Creatures must answer to the _____ (Romans 1:18-25)

C. Different views about creation

1. Those who don't believe
2. Those who believe but don't see why it matters
3. Those who believe and understand why it matters

II. Fall (Genesis 3)

A. The biblical account of the Fall establishes that man is in _____ with the God to whom he is accountable.

1. All men are directly _____ by the first sin.
 - i. **Romans 5:12** Therefore, just as *through one man sin entered into the world*, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned.... So then as *through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men*, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. ¹⁹ For *as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners*, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.
 - ii. **Ephesians 2:1-3** And *you were dead in your trespasses and sins*, ² in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. ³ Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and *were by nature children of wrath*, even as the rest.
 - iii. **Romans 3:23** All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
2. Sin places man under the _____ of God.
 - i. **Romans 6:23** the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
 - ii. **Ephesians 2:3** -- We are "children of wrath."
 - iii. **Revelation 20:11-15** -- Those who are judged according to their works are cast into the lake of fire.

B. Different views about the Fall

1. Those who _____ the effects of the Fall.
2. Those who acknowledge the effects of the Fall _____
3. Those who _____ the effects of the Fall on their own life

III. Redemption (Genesis 3 - Revelation 19)

Redeem means "to purchase back." The idea is that you are separated from God under judgment. Now God is paying the purchase price to restore you to fellowship

with himself. The story of redemption tells how God sets right what went wrong in the Fall.

A. The biblical story of redemption in Christ establishes man's only hope before the God to whom he is accountable and with whom he is in trouble.

1. Sin renders man unable to rescue himself from his trouble.
2. God sent Jesus to rescue man by being a sacrifice for sin, and by raising him from the dead.
3. Jesus is the only hope of redemption.
 - i. John 14:6
 - ii. Acts 4:12

B. Different views about redemption

1. Those who _____ the basic need for redemption.
2. Those who understand redemption in purely _____ terms, not _____ terms.
3. Those who believe redemption comes from somewhere other than _____.
4. Those who believe the Jesus is the _____ of redemption.

IV. Consummation (Revelation 20-22)

A. The biblical account of the consummation establishes the fact God is moving his creation toward a _____, and he desires for people to be a part of it.

B. The good goal includes _____. For many, this will mean eternal judgment in hell.

C. Different views about consummation and judgment

1. Those who _____ the ultimate goals of God.
2. Those who acknowledge the glorious part but deny the _____.
3. Those who _____ what the Bible says about consummation and judgment.